

PUGET SOUND

National Estuary Program

BUILDING GREEN CITIES

This project will identify incentives and programs to help developers incorporate low impact development (LID) into new and redevelopment projects around Puget Sound.

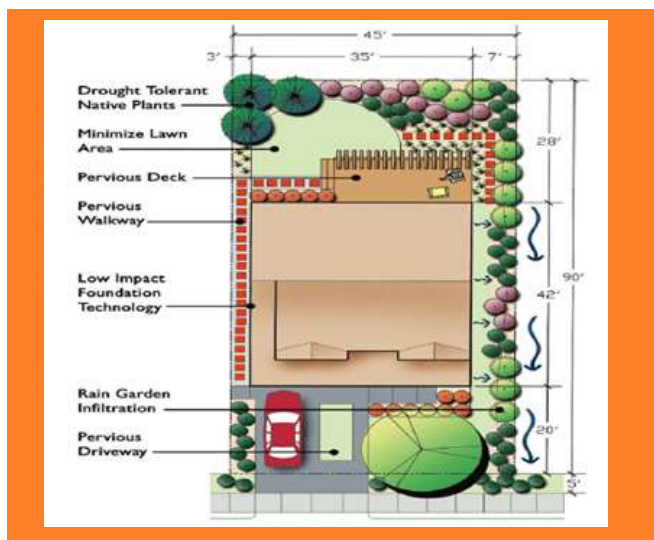
WHAT WE'RE DOING

Washington Department of Commerce and the Puget Sound Regional Council are researching the social, market, and economic factors that prevent developers from incorporating LID into their projects. Using the results of the research, we will recommend programs and incentives that cities and counties could implement that would encourage developers to go beyond the municipal stormwater permit requirements to incorporate LID into redevelopment projects in urban centers.



WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT?

While existing policies ensure the use of some LID in projects, there are more techniques that could be used that would increase infiltration of rainwater, help conserve and protect clean water around Puget Sound, and prevent erosion.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Let us know of local developers with an interest in this type of work. Identify cities and counties that may be interested in a pilot project with us to see how well the Building Green Cities idea works. Identify other organizations who are conducting similar projects as this, so that we can coordinate with them and build upon what others are doing.

ABOUT

The Department of Commerce touches every aspect of community and economic development: planning, infrastructure, energy, public facilities, housing, public safety and crime victims, international trade, business services and more. The Puget Sound Regional Council provides regional vision, goals, and policies for the northern Puget Sound to guide local planning.

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